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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Report from Lourenço Marquez—Suspect plague at Inhambane.

Consul Hollis reports, January 29, as follows: I have the honor to advise the Department that the acting secretary-general of the province of Mozambique has just informed me in writing that at Inhambane there is a case of sickness that is suspected to be plague, and that the sick person is a native who came from Durban on the steamship *Matabele*.

The *Matabele* and her sister ship, the *Induna*, are small coasters. They carry large numbers of Kaffirs as deck passengers, and it is highly probable that rats at Durban carried plague germs on board of the *Matabele*.

A Durban dispatch of January 23, 1903, to the Johannesburg Star reads as follows:

The last plague returns show that there are in the hospital 3 Europeans, 9 natives, and 3 Indians (coolies from India). During the past twenty-four hours there have been 1 fresh case and 1 death.

Durban, it will be noted, is only 300 miles away from this port.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

BRAZIL.

Report from Bahia.

During the week ended February 21, 1903, there were interred in the Bahia cemeteries 82 bodies.

The causes given for interment were the following: Bronchitis 3, cancer 1, enteritis 1, malarial fevers 5, gastritis 4, meningitis 2, Bright's disease 3, nephritis 5, pneumonia 2, syphilis 2, tetanus 3, tuberculosis 12, diseases of circulatory system 6, and other causes 33.

Week ended February 28, 1903, 70 bodies.

The causes given for interment were the following: Aneurism 1, arterio-sclerosis 5, beriberi 2, bronchitis 1, enteritis 2, gastritis 11, hepatitis 2, senile debility 1, Bright's disease 3, nephritis 1, stillborn 4, tetanus 1, tuberculosis 7, diseases of circulatory system 2, and from other causes 26.

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

CANADA.

Inspection of immigrants at St. John, New Brunswick.

Assistant Surgeon Billings reports, March 17, as follows: Week ended Saturday, March 14, 1903: Number inspected, 907; number passed, 896; number detained, 11; total, 907.